Neglect of Orissa in Railway Expenditure

1455. SHRI MAN MOHAN SAMAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the amount of total revenue earned from the South Eastern Railway during 20012002;

(b) whether it is a fact that Orissa is contributing a good amount of revenue to the Railways;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether it is also a fact that in comparison to other States, Orissa is neglected by Government as far as Railway expenditure is concerned; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) Total revenue earned (i.e. total ernings) by South Eastern Railway during 2001-2002 (upto January) is Rs. 5824.35 crore.

(b) and (c) State-wise contribution of revenue and railway expenditure is not maintained.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Coal Transported by Railways

1456. SHRI MAN MOHAN SAMAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a bulk of coal transported by the Railways accounts for a major percentage of total rail traffic in India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what is the total quantum of coal transported from Orissa by the Railways during the last year;

(d) whether it is also a fact that increase in railway freight rate is adversely affecting the coal price in competing with imported coal; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?